

**February 2010**





## POST INFORMATION

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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats  
1920....Robert W. Carpenter  
1921....Jay Allison  
1922....Dan M. Diener  
1923....Norman E. Anderson  
1924....Henry Swift  
1925....Morris E. Stevenson  
1926....William E. Hooper  
1927....Harold H. Clarke  
1928....George Hannan  
1929....A.T. Witt  
1930....Arthur Johnson  
1931....A.T. Witt  
1932....A.J. Walter  
1933....J. Richard Hawkins  
1934....Melvin G. Binder  
1935....L.J. Dixon  
1936....William A. Finger  
1937....G. Willard McCollum  
1938....Leslie L. Meyer  
1939....Charles Dyer  
1940....Newell Fishel  
1941....Rollin Whitaker  
1942....Ivan M. Webster  
1943....Thomas C. Arndt  
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock  
1945....Stanley A. Lynch  
1946....Louis A. Edwards  
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan  
*Italics denotes deceased*

1948....Eugene Weaver  
1949....Fred W. Lester  
1950....Harvey H. Kenitz  
1951....Joseph R. Krepper  
1952....Gilbert G. Giesler  
1953....Andrew S. Blaida  
1954....Herschel Hubbard  
1955....A.R. Fister  
1956....Dino Convalle  
1957....Tony F. Morello  
1958....W.H. Schenke  
1959....James L. Newall  
1960....Edwin D. Wrenn  
1961....Bernard J. Blaida  
1962....Louis W. Wrenn  
1963....James R. Hodous  
1964....Jerry Kopecky  
1965....Earl W. Will  
**1966....Leonard J. Voss**  
1967....Gene Kappelman  
1968....Alois E. Sheber  
1969....Mason Taylor  
1970....William Harkness  
1971....Earl W. Will  
1972....Steven J. Kadlec  
1973....Joseph A. Bartels  
1974....Zedo Oliver  
**1975....Herbert Morrison**  
1976....Chester Kotowski  
**1977....Ed Knickerbocker**

**1978....Elmer J. Mears**  
1979....Dudley E. Smalley  
1980....Jens P. Vimtrup  
1981....Elmer W. Anderson  
1982....Elmer W. Anderson  
1983....Frank J. Bulin  
1984....George R. Novak  
1985....George R. Novak  
1986....Bill Johnson  
1987....A.E. Sheber  
**1988....David D. Wisbrock**  
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1991....Gilbert J. Gawin  
1992....Gilbert J. Gawin  
1993....Ken Gallagher  
**1994....Richard Bernardini**  
**1995....Emery Wolff**  
1996....Curt McCullagh  
**1997....Larry Bryant**  
**1998....Larry Bryant**  
**1999....John Magic**  
**2000....Jack Border**  
**2001....Jack Border**  
2002....Bob Isenberger  
2003....Bob Isenberger  
**2004....Joe Pappalarido**  
**2005....Richard Rooney**  
**2006..Richard Rooney**  
**2007..Richard Mueller**  
**2008..Richard Mueller**



## **Commander's Column**

February is a tough month. The makers of the calendar knew this and made February the shortest month. It is still mid winter; the holidays are over; cabin fever starts to set in. They have changed the calendar whereby instead of two National Holidays, Lincoln & Washington Birthdays, we have President's Day. I do know about you but I do not care to celebrate Millard Fillmore's birthday (although I like the two theaters named after him (East & West) of the late 60's). Just a few weeks ago I was surfing the Internet and I came across a few items that I can not get out of my mind know matter how much I try and has caused me lose sleep. (1) Why are there Interstate highways in Hawaii? What other state do they connect with? Are there many tolls? (2) And for you WWII people, Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets? (3) Did you know that Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because Donald does not wear pants! Oh those crazy Fins with Russia on their border this is what they chose to focus on. As you can see Cabin Fever is doing well at my house.

The month of February also sees the Legion's Pilgrimage in Springfield. If you have never participated please do it at least once; it's worth the effort. On February 13, District 11 is having a quarterly meeting in Joliet Post 1080. That same night, (February 13) we will have a dinner for bingo, pull tabs, kitchen, a-team workers at Post 80. Please plan on coming and bring a date. We will let our hair down and try to laugh the winter blues away. On the 14th we will have the second poker night and we need your help. Yes I know its Valentine's Day. By the time I knew the date, it was too late to change it.



**FEBRUARY 2010**

**Super Bowl Party**  
**February 7th @3:30pm**  
**Game starts @ 5:30pm**



All Post and Auxiliary members are invited to the Super bowl party. Guests are invited also. It's a potluck affair. So, bring an entrée', side dish or dessert. Admission is canned food for the Township food pantry.

Drinks are membership prices for everyone, but no drink tickets.

Doors open at 3:30pm.



**NEW PLAQUE FOR 2009-2010**

There is going to be a new plaque for veterans names, to placed on our 30ft. Obelisk in the Veterans Memorial Park. The last plaque was put up in 2007. The price will be the same (\$35.00),..Each veteran will have a Certificate and a picture of the plaque will be sent to the person who paid for the name. What is needed is full name of the veteran, service and years, (for the certificate) and the phone number and address of the person paying for the plaque. Come to the Post or mail to American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, IL. 60515 Attn. 2009 Plaque. Post Adjutant James Nelson or Herb Morrison. We need 50 names for the new plaque, all names will be put on as they come in. The Legion has over 600 names on The Obelisk now, and we will check to see if the name you sent in is on. Thank you for your help.

American Legion Post 80, Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-968-9710 or 630-969-1655

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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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## Legion Rider Update

The **Post 80 Legion Riders** meet once a month, usually on the third Saturday at 10 am in the Library. Our next Legion Rider meeting is on February 27th and the next is on March 20th. Len Lapinskas and John Pavich have volunteered to be our 2010 Road Captains and will be in charge of routing and logistics for our group rides. At the next Legion Rider meeting we will update and hopefully finalize our ride/event schedule for the year. If you are interested in joining us and coming along, please plan to attend or contact Steve Collins, Legion Rider Director at 708 473-5620 (cell) or Jack Border at 630 336 3421 (cell).

**Mark Your Calendar** - The Legion Riders want to invite all Post 80 and Auxiliary Unit 80 members and family to our first fund-raiser **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday April 18, 2010** from 1 pm to 5 pm. Dinner tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 and Dessert \$1 and cash bar. There will be a raffle for a BMX bike at dinner.

Legion Riders are planning to participate in the following 2010 rides/runs/events:

June 19 – Freedom Run  
June 26-27 – Michigan Wine Country tour  
July 4 – Downers Grove July 4th Parade  
Aug. 27-29 – American Legion Rider Romp, Waukesha WI  
Sept. 6th – Crest Hill 50th Anniversary Parade  
Oct. 23 – Candlelight Charity Bowl in Lemont



## Rentals Available for the 2009 Season

Do you have an Event in the near future?

We can accommodate your Rental Needs.

Our Banquet Hall, Our Pavilion and Our Gazebo are available for the 2009 season. Our Banquet Hall can accommodate 300 people, Our Pavilion will seat 144 people under cover and the surrounding 11 acres can accommodate many more people and Our Gazebo with a garden like atmosphere is just right for that romantic wedding. Up to 200 chairs surrounding the Gazebo can accommodate any large wedding.

We give discounts to members, school organizations and charities.

*For more information:*

*Call Post 80 at (630) 968-9710*

*or our Rental Agent at (630) 971-1438 or*

*visit our website at [www.post80.org](http://www.post80.org)*





**Sick Call**

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses it a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

To: Ray Adams  
Bill Levin  
John Kloster  
Robert Krause  
Frank Risky

***IN MEMORIAM***

Henry Bryant (Brother of Larry Bryant)  
Steve R. Dasko  
Robert J. Michalek

These Legionnaires Have Gone  
To The Commander of Us All. Rest Well Our  
Friends.

**You Should Know**

Henry Bryant, brother of Larry Bryant, before he succumbed to Cancer, had the University of Chicago Engineering Library named after him. Also Wayne Fisher, the 11th District Commander, member of the Naperville Post and friend of Post 80, lost his mother during the past month. To both Larry & Wayne and the families of all who lost someone during the past year please accept our sincere condolences and prayers for your loss.

Alice Dunn, age 87 died December 7, 2009. Wake was 4-8 on Tuesday, December 8. On December 8 a memorial service was conducted at the Adams Funeral Home by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dolores Harrison

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## Attention Baseball Fans

Mark your calendars for May 30th. I am planning an outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ball game with the Kane County cougars. The Game starts at 6:00PM. This would be a fun time for us all. There will be fireworks that night

If we get twenty people or more the box seats are **\$12.00** per person. And, we can have a charter a bus to take us to the game and return us to the post.

**The cut off date is April 16th** to purchase your box seat tickets. Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 80 for \$20 per person, which includes the cost of transportation (\$8.00 for chartered bus).

**The incentive to purchase tickets by April 16th is four undated tickets good for any game for the rest of the season. Two pair of these tickets will be raffled off on Game Day to all who attend. So get your money in ASAP.**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-960-5898) Sr. Vice



**MEMBERSHIP**  
It's that time again. Have you payed  
**your dues ?** Dues are still \$35 for for  
2010. We are asking all that have not  
payed to please do it as soon as possible  
Let's help our Sr. Vice Commander and  
our Adjutant make this a successful  
membership year.  
**Please do your part by sending  
your dues now !**



## New Year's Eve Party

We had another great New Year's Eve Party. We had 161 people attend this year. Jack Miuccio who was our entertainment before dinner, and did a fabulous job. We're looking forward to seeing him again at the next party. At the end of the show Jack complimented me for putting on a great party.

Well, it wasn't done alone. It was the other committee members Jack Border, and Rich Mueller who were involved. The committee also had a lot of help from Steve Collins, Bar Mgr., who did an excellent job getting the bar prepared for the party, and helping with the setup. We had help from the Auxiliary members Rosemary Collins, Kim Cruz, Norma Border, and Karen Greenwald. Without everyone's help it would have been awfully difficult to have the hall ready on time.

I would like to give a big thank you to Sylvia Mueller and her crew for putting out an excellent array of hors d'oeuvres. Most everything was prepared from scratch, which required a few hours of work. There were a lot of good snacks. I blew my diet that night.

Thanks to Paula and Dan for working behind the bar on a holiday evening.

I had a lot of compliments from people who enjoyed themselves. One lady who brought a large group said they would be back next year. I hope everyone had a good time. Happy New Year to everyone.

*Rich Greenwald, Sr. Vice-Commander*



On January 22, members of the American Legion Auxiliary brought their scissors and made Valentines for servicemen. Marge Pavick was the chairman of this project.



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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST # 80  
4000 SARATOGA AVE., DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS  
Tel.# 630-968-9710**

**Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2008  
Started in 1978**

THIS IS THE 31<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND WE HOPE TO HAVE MANY OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ENTER, ALL THE CHILDREN MUST BE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND IN 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF COLLEGE or more. (Can enter all 4 years of college,)

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$500. Mail in by 1<sup>st</sup> of March of 2010.

## RULES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. MUST BE A CHILD, GRANDCHILD or GREAT GRANDCHILD OF A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #80 OF DOWNERS GROVE, IL
2. MUST BE IN COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL (OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL)
3. MUST NOT BE OVER 23 YEARS OF AGE.
4. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST  
(Out of state request will be mailed.)  
POST IS OPEN FROM 7:30AM. TO 12 AM. OR CALL 969-9710, OR COME TO MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAY OR 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY, 8PM.
5. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE 1<sup>st</sup> of March

ONCE YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE BLOCKED OUT AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A NUMBER. ONLY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL KNOW YOUR NUMBER. COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIVE JUDGES\* TO READ.

Three Legion members & two non Legion members.

**THANK YOU FOR ENTERING**

Mail applications back to:

American Legion Post#80, 4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515 c/o  
Scholarship Committee.

ATTN.: Herbert Morrison, Jack Border, Dave Wisbrock



## **Thought-of-the-Month:**

Recently the Hall of Fame was brought up on TV. Somewhere across the fifty states is a "Hall of Fame" for everything !! Here are a few you probably don't know:

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1. The "Country Music Hall of Fame", is of course, (**Nashville, Tennessee**).
  2. The gun collection located in Oklahoma's "Cowboy Hall of Fame" is for who?? (**John Wayne**).
  3. Notorious for it's crime rate, Miami, Florida has a "Hall of Fame" honoring what profession?? (**Law Enforcement**).
  4. What "Hall of Fame" might you find in Ft. Lauderdale? It has to do with water, naturally! (**Swimming**).
  5. A popular (non-professional) sport has it's "Hall of Fame" in Oklahoma City. What sport? (**Softball**).
  6. Abilene, Kansas has a "Hall of Fame" for a familiar breed of animals we often see at racetracks! (**Greyhound dogs**).
  7. Hereford, Texas has a "Hall of Fame" for a special type of cowboy, not only found in Texas! (**Females --Cowgirls**).
  8. Where would you find a muscle-building, weight- lifting "Hall of Fame"? (**York, Pennsylvania**).
  9. The "Trap-shooting Hall of Fame" is located in what midwestern city?? (**Vandalla, Ohio**).
  10. Where would you most likely find the "Cartoonist's Hall of Fame? Yes it's legitimate! No not in California! (**White Plaines, New York**).
  11. Where is the "American Legion Hall of Fame"? **Downers Grove, Post 80**). Of course!.....RWB
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<b>PRESIDENT.....</b>	<b>ROSEMARY COLLINS</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT.....</b>	<b>EVELYN FREDERICKS</b>
<b>SECRETARY .....</b>	<b>JULIE ISENBERGER</b>
<b>TREASURER.....</b>	<b>JANE BERNARDINI</b>
<b>CHAPLAIN .....</b>	<b>DOLORES HARRISON</b>
<b>HISTORIAN.....</b>	<b>NORMA BORDER</b>
<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>LOUISE LEWANSKI</b>
<b>ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>ARLENE GUEST</b>

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR  
PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb  
1921....Jessie Straub  
1922....Matilda Uhlorn  
1923....Myra Hawkins  
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins  
1925....Emily Sanders  
1926....Daisy Swift  
1927....Florence Johnson  
1928....Mary Pfaff  
1929....Esther Binder  
1930....Beulah McCollum  
1931....Viola Vix  
1932....Bernice Goltry  
1933....Mae Jones  
1934....Bernice Hannan  
1935....Marie Finger  
1936....Evelyn Walter  
1937....Josephine Mitchell  
1938....Lorraine Edwards  
1939....Ethel Margison  
1940....Vera Iehl  
1941....Mabel Webster  
1942....Muriel Fischel  
1943....Ruth Karvatt  
1944....Emily Mrkvicka  
1945....Flossie Dreuttel  
1946....Minnie Lester  
1947....Esther Weaver  
1948....Myrtle Kraft  
*Italics denotes deceased*

1949....Vivian Harkness  
1950....Christine McGarvie  
1951....Shirley Wrenn  
1952....Letitia Mrkvicka  
1953....Corabelle Krepper  
1954....Christine McGarvie  
1955....Elsie Niedner  
1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss  
1957....Marian Lacey  
1958....Evelyn Fredericks  
1959....Shirley Schenke  
1960....Margaret Morello  
1961....Marian Ruzicka  
1962....Margaret Edwards  
1963....Alice Pechinski  
1964....Alice Pechinski  
1965....Anne Creel  
1966....Evelyn Jenkins  
1967....Dorthy Nied  
1968....Eleanor Bartels  
1969....Alice Pechinski  
1970....Helen Beck  
1971....Jeanette Foster  
1972....Dorthy Kadlec  
1973....Margaret Morello  
1974....Ann Hodous  
1975....Ann Hodous  
1976....Eleanor Bartels  
1977....Alice Pechinski  
1978....Mildred Mueller

1979....Catherine Smalley  
1980....Frances North  
1981....Anne Creel  
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
1984....Anne Creel  
1985....Genevieve Kotowski  
1986....Genevieve Kotowski  
1987....Ethel Clark  
1988....Bonita Wisbrock  
1989....Eleanor Bartels  
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## BINGO WORKERS

**Feb. 2<sup>st</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Jane Bernadini  
Midge Zielinski  
**KITCHEN:** Pat Mustradi  
Julie Isenberger  
Karen Greenwald

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Ilean Kuhnert  
Kathleen Pleet  
**KITCHEN:** Lorraine Donegan  
Carol Cermak  
Mary Pizzo

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Evelyn Fredericks  
Eleanor Richards  
Karen Greenwald  
Dolores Harrison  
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**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
Rosemary Collins  
**KITCHEN:** Carol Cermack  
Marge Pavich  
Kim Curz  
Arlene Guest

Meeting Feb 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Mustradi  
Rose Polick  
Jerry Diddia

HUGS!

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BE MY  
VALENTINE!

# February 2010

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MINE

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Bingo 6:30 pm	Business Meeting 7:30pm			Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Super Bowl Party 3:30		Bingo 6:30 pm	Country Meeting Elmhurst Post 187			Bingo Workers Party C D C 8:30 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentines Day	President Day Auxiliary Meeting	Bingo 6:30 pm				Legion Riders 10am C D C 8:30 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Bingo 6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting			Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
28	<b>ELIGIBILITY DATES</b> WORLD WAR I-APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 WORLD WAR II-DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA-DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 KOREAN WAR-JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 PERSIAN GULF-AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities					

VIETNAM-FEBRUARY 28, 1961 -MAY 7, 1975